National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education in Gujarat

3745. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the progress of National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education, popularly known as Mid-day meal Scheme, in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme has miserably failed in the State;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the corrective measures being taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) and (b) An evaluation study to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education (popularly called Mid-Day Meals Scheme) was undertaken by Operations Research Group, New Delhi, an independent agency. In respect of Gujarat, the findings state that the programme has made positive impact on attendance and retention of children in primary classes (I-V).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Reorientation of the Methodology of Teaching

3746. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: (a) whether NCERT has made any proposal for changing the system of evaluation and reorientation of the methodology of teaching and syllabi for imparting job-oriented skills into the youths, to generate self- employment ability;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the scheme for best utilisation of inherent capability of those students who do not prove well in examinations, but are otherwise talented in particular field of activity and pulling without any opportunity for vocational training; and

(c) the other plans, if any, to prepare students to face the present and future uncertainty of assured employment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. The NCERT proposes to change/modify the existing pattern of evaluation and reorientation of the methodology of teaching and syllabi for imparting job-oriented skills into the youths, to generate self employment ability.

(b) and (c) The relevant datails and modalities are being discussed at various regional and naitonal levels and these are going to be part of the National Curriculum Framework which is under revision.

Reservation for OBCs in IITs, IIMs

3747. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in IIMs, IITs and in other specialized courses, reservation for OBCs is followed;

(b) if not what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would take steps to provide reservation in these courses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) No Sir. At present, there is no reservation for OBCs for admission in Central Educational Institutions including IITs and IIMs. As and when a policy decision is taken on reservation for OBC candidates in Central Educational Institutions the same will be implemented in IITs, IIMs and in other specialized course.

Flouting of Reservation Policy in Rajdhani Collage

3748. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's reservation policy for SCs/STs is being flouted by the Principal, Rajdhani College, Delhi University, in the appointment of teaching staff of the collage;

(b) whether it is borne out of the fact that out of 20 staff in Physics Department of the college, none of them belong to SC/ST and the present advertisement for appointment does not provide for reservation either;

(c) if so, the details of the roster backlog in regard to the above, alongwith the reasons for flouting the same; and